

MINUTES
TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus
October 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Board Members: Chris Narveson, Dean Streiff, Susan Crum, Jim Hoesly, Robert Elkins (absent), Pattie Salter, and Dennis Nielsen

ALSO ATTENDING: Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Mark Tallman, Lynn Peron and Danni Morgan.

C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Proof of Posting: Clerk/Treasurer Salter attested to proper proof of posting.
- 2) Approve Town Board Minutes:
 - a) 09/08/15 Regular Town Board Meeting: S. Crum moved to approve the minutes as presented. J. Hoesly 2nd Motion carried.
- 3) Action on 151013 Grandpa's Place Land Division Public Hearing: D. Streiff moved to approve CSM Land Division as Presented. J. Hoesly 2nd. Motion carried as presented.
- 4) Action of 151013 Chapter 110 Revision Public Hearing: J. Hoesly moved to accept the changes to Chapter 110 as recommended. S. Crum 2nd. Motion carried.
- 5) Appearance by John Ott, New Glarus Fire District:
 - a) Consider 2016 Fire Budget: Without objection moved later in the meeting.
- 6) Appearance by Green County United to Amend
 - a) Consider a Request to adopt a resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature and the United States Congress to amend the U.S. Constitution "We the People" stating simply that corporations are not people and money is not speech: Harry Pullium, was present and requested that the Town Board consider adopting a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment corporations are not people & money is not speech and adding a referendum question to this effect to ballot for the November 2016 Election. S. Crum moved to adopt the resolution and proceed with adding the referendum question to the November 2016 ballot. C. Narveson 2nd. Motion Carried.
- 7) Appearance by Mark Tallman, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation: Mark Tallman was present to introduce the Board to programs that are available. C. Narveson asked what the best way to get fiber and conduit. Mr. Tallman recommended getting together with the local communication network provides to help create a plan.

Mark invited us to call him if there is a project we're interested in doing. He stated that it is very important to get their help before any money is spent and before any contracts are signed. July 1-June 30 is there annual year.
- 5) Appearance by John Ott, New Glarus Fire District:
 - a) Consider 2016 Fire Budget: J. Ott presented the 2016 Budget of \$58, 671.36 which includes \$5,536.33 of the 2% dues for a total of a 3.7% increase over last year.
- 8) Patrolman's Report:
 - a) Consider Road Discontinuations: S. Crum asked Dennis for a list of the worst roads. D. Nielson listed Morris Lane, Ufken, Marty Lane, and Yaun. C. Narveson suggested that we need to define what the single service road minimums should be. The board would then notify the residents that their road is dangerous and give them the opportunity to bring the road up to that minimum or the road would be discontinued. S. Crum moved to finalize a list of roads based on safety and potential turnaround issues, J. Hoesly 2nd Motion Carried

- b) Removal of Trees Discussion: S. Crum moved to refer this issue to the Plan Commission for a better definition of when tree removal/maintenance is the Town's responsibility and when it is the property owner's responsibility., J. Hoesly 2nd. Motion carried.
- 9) Public Comments: Lynn Peron asked if there would be a Fall Bulky Waste pickup. P. Salter reported that Peron had missed the pickup. Lynn Peron also reported that the Bridge on Legler Valley Road appears to be crumbling. D. Nielson will look into the issue.
- 10) Finance Committee Report:
- a) Accounts Receivable Aging List: There were no outstanding invoices due and \$36 billed in August and \$12 was billed out since last month.
- b) Accounting Reports w/Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Clerk/Treasurer, Salter presented the Statement of Reconciliation showing that the prior month balanced.
- c) Approval and Payment of Bills: D. Streiff presented checks #18170–18200 and ACH payments for approval. S. Crum 2nd. Motion carried.
- 11) Begin Budget Discussion:
- a) Consider Financing Needs
- i) Pioneer Road Project - \$1.2 Million
- ii) Town Hall Expansion/Remodel – \$168,000
- iii) Consider Leasing vs. Purchasing New Tractor within the next couple years \$7,596/yr. lease with 400 hours/yr. – Mower is cracked. Check on price to purchase a new tractor.
- iv) Consider Parks Budget - \$15,000
- b) Set 2016 Performance Rates – S. Crum moved to keep the Employee Performance Review rates at 3% for High-end performance, 2.2% for Mid-range performance and 1% for Low-end performance. D. Streiff 2nd. Motion carried.
- c) Set 2016 Insurance Contribution Levels – J. Hoesly moved to keep the employer portion of the Employee Trust Fund Health Insurance premium at 83% of the Tier I Qualified plans average premiums set within Green County for 2016. D. Streiff 2nd. Motion carried.
- Pattie will try to schedule a finance meeting with Tara for Oct 22 at 7 p.m.
- 12) Clerk/Treasurer Report:
- a) Correspondence
- i) New Glarus Utilities Letter: New Water Meters - No action taken.
- ii) 2016/2017 LRIP Biennial Program for Road Projects of \$100,000 or More - No action taken.
- iii) Consider Green County Tax Collection Agreement: S. Crum moved to approve the Tax Collection Agreement, J. Hoesly 2nd. Motion carried.
- iv) Request for Police Department Donation - No action taken.
- 13) Chairman's Report:
- 14) Parks Report:
- a) Consider Request to Discontinue Pool Scholarship Program – C. Narveson reported that over the last two years no Pool Scholarships have been awarded. P. Salter requested that the issue be referred to Council for advice on how to discontinue the program. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to keep the program on the books. No action taken
- b) Consider Renaming Parks/Town Hall Sinking Fund to Parks Sinking Fund – C. Narveson explained that the Parks wanted a sinking fund to set aside monies for trail development. P. Salter requested that the issue be referred to Council for advice on how to rename or replace the Town Hall Sinking Fund. He noted that half the fund was used to purchase the new Town Hall. The balance of the funds will be used for landscaping for the new office. After a brief discussion C. Narveson moved to retain the current sinking fund and create a new "Parks and Trails sinking fund. S. Crum 2nd. Motion carried.

- c) October 28 Meeting with Landowners from BBRC Area – The Parks Commission will ask for easements to clean up weeds. They will also be seeking new members. No Action was needed.
- d) 2016 Tree Sale Program – C. Narveson noted that fruit trees were added to the species list. No Action.
- e) Joint Parks Meeting Report - C. Narveson reported on the meeting and noted that a petition for a dog park was presented. The petition had over 210 signatures and although addresses were not collected, 110 signatures were from residents of other communities including Belleville, Blanchardville, Monticello, Janesville, Evansville, Milwaukee and Town of York. There were approximately 10 residents of the Town. Other topics discussed were library location.

15) Schedule Next Board Meeting – November 10, 2015: Without objection the next meeting was scheduled for November 10 7:00 p.m.

16) Adjourn: D. Streiff moved to adjourn at 9:45 pm, 2nd by S. Crum. Motion carried.

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